

Raised Bill: HB-6760
AN ACT CONCERNING CIVICS EDUCATION AND MEDIA LITERACY.
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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Education,

My name is Sarah Vincent, I am a 15-year-old student at Ledyard High School. I am writing in favor of bill HB-6760, which establishes the Connecticut Civics Education and Media Literacy, it also includes civics and media literacy in public school curriculums.

This bill could help students learn about the world around them more efficiently and help build future engagement when it comes to civics. A study done by the Annenberg Public Policy Center found that only 26% of Americans can name all three branches of government. Teaching civics and media literacy to children sooner could have a great impact on how they act as a citizen in the future and their level of engagement overall. I came into my freshman year with little knowledge about media literacy or anything to do with civics. I think I would have benefited, had I been taught about these topics earlier on and continuously.

I would like to encourage you to vote for bill HB-6760 and support teaching civics and media literacy in public schools.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

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